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## PV and rape

What the administration can do to stop rape on campus

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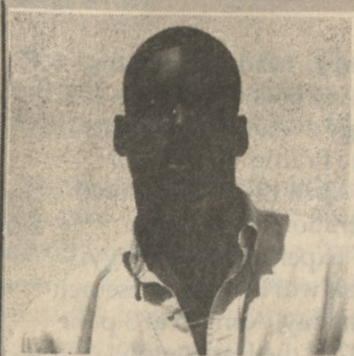
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## SpeakOut!

Does the campus police handle students fairly?



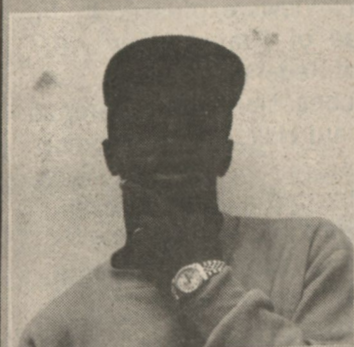
Marc A. Person, Sophomore: I feel that Campus Police treat students with disrespect, and unfairness. They are here to serve us not us serve them.



Charles Carpenter, Junior: NO! I feel that some of them go out of their way to arrest and bother students.



Sherri Bolar, Junior: No, I feel they spend too much time writing tickets when they should be caring about more serious situations.



Steven A. Jordan, Junior: No, many times the police harass students and write unnecessary tickets to relieve boredom of their job. In doing this they tend to ignore issues of stolen property and concentrate on meaningless tickets.

## PVAMU Security Chief makes changes

By Cheryl Malone-Berry  
Production Manager

Chief Stevens, Head of the campus security is taking new strides in making Prairie View A&M University a secure environment.

"People need to know that my officers are a body of trained officers entrusted by the government to maintain public peace, order, and uphold state and federal laws to prevent any crimes. We are peace officers and our jurisdiction is Prairie A&M University," stated Stevens.

Some of the changes Chief Stevens is trying to make in the campus security are to 1.) increase the staff to 14 officers, 2.) implement a 24 hour dispatch system, 3.) employ a full time investigator, 4.) close all but one entrance to the campus on weekend and at night, and 5.) involve student groups in an escort serve at night.

Stevens has already

increased security by closing off some of the entrances in the evenings, providing on call police escort services, and increasing security during major campus events.

Stevens commented on the topic of rape and date rape. "Prairie View has had three reported rape cases in the last six months. One of them was a date rape which was confirmed and the person was prosecuted. In the other two cases, the victims dropped the charges. If someone is raped on campus they need to report the rape immediately to the campus security or to Student Life," stated Stevens.

According to Stevens, the department has had a 95% conviction rate. "The Prairie View police has possibly the best trained campus security department around... and we are here to insure the safety of the people," stated Stevens.

## Special Report:

## Two PV students killed in shooting

By Kerri Marshall  
Staff Writer

A former Prairie View A&M University student, Anthony Bushell, has been charged with capital murder for the death of Donald Clark of Prairie View and Sheri Bruton of Waller, Texas, according to the officials at Waller County Jail.

The bodies were found on April 9 on the Old Houston Hwy in Prairie View at about 10:25pm. The incident occurred near the railroad tracks, about a mile from the Prairie View A&M University campus. The bodies were spotted by William Whiteside, owner of the T-shirt shop on the campus of Prairie View A&M University.

"The bodies were cold and both had a great amount of blood lost. After checking for vital signs, I immediately notified the Prairie View Police

Department. I then found shell cases near the bodies. By that time the police officer arrived at the scene and started the investigation," stated Whiteside.

The day after the incident occurred, the police markings appeared as if one body had been moved. According to Whiteside, "The body of Donald Clark was on his side, I turned his body over and made his body parallel with the ground to perform CPR."

According to an anonymous witness, about three minutes

after hearing shots fired a black jeep was spotted speeding through the area.

Donald Clark and Sheri Bruton leave behind their one-year-old daughter, Na Don Clark and family members. "Donald and Sheri loved each other no one could keep them apart and they died together," stated Susan Jones, sister of Sheri Bruton and staff worker in the Fiscal Affairs Department at Prairie View A&M University. This case is still under investigation by the proper authorities.

## Discussion on prison proposal continues

By Cheryl Malone-Berry  
Production Manager

While the citizens of the City of Prairie View are discussing the idea of building a minimum security prison in the city, the students, faculty and staff of Prairie View A&M University are discussing as well.

University President Julius Becton stated that "as president of an educational institution I must remain neutral in my decisions about the proposed prison. But if a prison is built near the university, there will probably be certain facilities that the prison will upgrade and utilize."

The prison officials should develop some type of public relations campaign for the community, so that citizens can become more familiar with the type of prison they might want to have at Prairie View."

Becton said that since there is already a maximum security prison near Prairie View, and that this had never seemed to deter anyone from attending the university, he doesn't think that a minimum security prison should deter

anyone, either.

Head of Campus Security, Chief Stevens, commenting on the proposed prison, stated that he was against the idea of having a prison near the campus. One major concern of his was the possibility of the prison officials granting prisoners work releases. He thinks that a work release program will probably draw many prisoners to the largest employer in the county, the university. He also mentioned his concerns about an education incentive program at the prison, fearing that it may involve prisoners attending classes at the university. He does not think either idea would be a positive step.

On Thursday April 4, 1991, a student forum was held to discuss the idea of the proposed correctional facility near the campus. The meeting was sparsely attended, but the majority of students present opposed the idea of having a prison in the vicinity of the campus.

Another City Council meeting will be held in the Newman Center on Monday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m., to further discuss the prison proposal. Students are welcome to attend the meeting, and are encouraged to speak out either for or against the proposal.

## President holds student forum

Dwayne Bennett  
Staff Writer

President Julius Becton has invited all interested students to his daily meetings with security, after being asked again about the security problems here on campus.

Patricia Jasper first raised this question at the monthly student forum held in the auditorium of the Administrative building April 9, 1991. The purpose of the forum is to address the concerns and opinions of the student body.

"Security is acting within its mission," said Becton. He further stated that the State Fire Marshall has been on campus looking into the compliance of the fire codes. He lauded the student body for taking the initiative and keeping false alarms to a minimum.

Monique Griffin, commend the Registrar's office for its tremendous improvements, but questioned the professionalism and attitudes of

some employees within different departments at the university. Becton urged all students to bring documentation of such incidents to his attention.

Another student voiced concern about the proposed prison at Prairie View. Becton's response was, "P.V. is taking a neutral stance on the issue until all perspectives have been thoroughly analyzed". He indicated that the proposal was only for a minimum security prison, and that Prairie View could benefit economically if the prison is built.

The New Director of Student Housing, Col. Aldridge was then introduced. He explained that a project is now underway to improve the housing situation at Prairie View.

Ron Ragston asked about the possibility of a 24-hour study center and proposed the old W.R. Banks library as the possible site. Becton said

that without adequate security it would be difficult. "It has been tried, but the students trashed the basement," said Becton.

Yolanda Gill stated that SGA will hold elections April 24. She expressed concern about the apathetic attitudes the student body seem to have. Becton then indicated his concern about apathy among students here, indicating that it carries over into local voting. He stated, "We need to fire-up the same zeal in campus politics as with step shows."

In his concluding statements Becton remarked "Prairie View has the largest block of voters in the county, but they aren't exercising their right to vote."

He urged all registered voters to go out and vote on May 4. He then commended the students for showing an interest, and indicated it was a larger audience than previous forums.

## The importance of insurance on PV's campus

By President Becton

Alarming, few students at Prairie View A&M university are covered by medical insurance.

Only 17 students are currently insured by United Group Insurance Company, the carrier providing coverage for both PVAMU and Texas A&M University students. According to Owens-Franklin Health Center Director Thelma Pierre, there are approximately 155 of our student body who are covered by their parents' medical insurance. That means that the vast majority of our students are not financially protected from unexpected medical costs from

something as simple as an office visit and prescription for the flu to something as complex and expensive as an automobile accident or an extended hospital stay.

Since our biggest enemies are often lack of information or mis-information, I would like to clarify several points: Required Student Health Fee: All students are required to pay a \$15 Student Health Fee at fall and spring registration, and \$7.50 for the Summer Term. This pays for six free office visits with the physician (which would otherwise cost \$40 per visit). The 7th visit and all visits thereafter cost \$3 per visit. Discounts on X-rays (15%), lab fees, and medications. (If a student has medical insur-

ance, this may be applied to the lab costs.)

The cost for medical insurance for an individual is \$312 per year (eg., from August 17, 1990 to August 17, 1991). The cost is more for an individual and child or an individual and spouse.

Medical Insurance doesn't have to be paid for all at once. You may make partial payments on a quarterly basis, paying \$80 per quarter.

It is possible to enroll for medical insurance for less than a year, for example you may enroll for the Summer Term only (from June 2, 1991 to August 17, 1991).

Medical Insurance covers the basic medical plan has a

\$100 deductible and pays a maximum of \$20,000 in benefits. It provides for in-patient and out-patient coverage. In-patient coverage requires pre-certification and pays 80% of "usual and customary" treatment, includes intensive care and surgery, among other services.

Out-patient coverage pays 80% of "usual and customary" treatment and 90% for "day" surgery. In addition, there is 80% coverage for ambulance service. It is important to note that hospitals will not admit patients who aren't insured unless it is a life-threatening situation. For complete coverage information, you can get a copy of the medical plan brochure at the Owens-Franklin Health Cent-

er. If you think you are covered by your parents' insurance, please check with them to make sure. Have them check as well; some policies discontinue coverage for children after the age of 19.

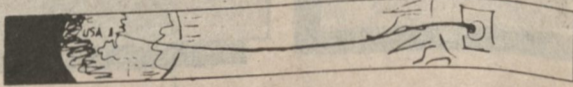
This is too important not to act upon. If you are a working student, consider setting aside as portion of your salary in order to make the quarterly payments for medical insurance.

I speak to the entire Prairie View family when I say that we are concerned about our students' quality of life as well as academic progress. Part of your quality of life is definitely have adequate medical insurance.



KEY DATES

April 17  
Social Work & Sociology  
Department Career Day  
April 18  
Black Engineers Banquet  
(for more information, call (409)  
2040 or 2360)



**MegaWatts:**  
One second of the Sun's energy is 13 million times the annual mean electrical consumption of the United States.

**The Work Force in the Year 2000:**  
According to Newsweek, in the year 2000 the American work force will be 12% Black, 11% Hispanic, 8% Asian-American and 43% female leaving white males in the minority.

**Luxuries of a Ship:**  
The lee or sheltered side of a ship, comes from an Anglo-Saxon word referring to the side of a shed that was out of the wind, where a laborer would take his lunch.

Countdown

14

More days until  
the  
6th annual  
Mr. PVAMU pageant.

BRIEFLY

**Finley to Visit Campus**  
Dr. Arlington L. Finley, research scientist for Philip Morris, U.S.A., will visit the Prairie View A&M University campus on April 8-9, to meet with students and faculty in the department of Biology. Finley will present a seminar on Monday, April 8 from 3:00 p.m.-3:50 p.m. in the Harrington Science Building, Room 107. His visit is sponsored by the Black Executive Exchange Program and the Department of Biology.  
Finley received a B.S. in chemistry for Tougaloo College and his Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry (solid state) from Brown University. In addition, he has studied at Harvard University and M.I.T.  
After teaching at Pennsylvania State University, Tougaloo College and Brown University, Finley worked for Dow Chemical, U.S.A. as a project leader in the Central Research Inorganic Laboratory. He has worked for Philip Morris, U.S.A. since 1984. As a research scientist, he is responsible for new product research related to filters for cigarettes and for other devices.  
A member of numerous professional organizations, Finley has also received many honors. He was voted one of the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1977 and 1983, and he was a member of the National Research Council's Graduate Fellowship Evaluation Panel for Chemistry.

**Classic Dance Ensemble To Perform**  
The Classic Dance Ensemble at Prairie View A&M University will perform its First Annual Dance Concert April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Hobart Taylor Auditorium. Titled, "A Message to the People," the concert will feature several styles of dance, from gospel and African to jazz and modern. In addition, there will be performances by Infinity, Marquee the Band, and Jolie Lynn McKeel.  
According to Jennifer Adams, who founded the company two years ago with Bongsi Sithole, the concert is a fundraiser for a tour to the Black College Exchange in Atlanta on April 11-14. Other members of the ensemble are Sonya Henriques, Sherill Hilton, Tia Simmons, Morenike Efuntade, Kathryn Hayes, Karsha Kirkendall, and Michelle Neely.  
Resident choreographer is Kenneth Epting and guest choreographer is Sheresse Campbell.  
The ensemble has performed on campus and in Houston, College Station, Tennessee and North Carolina.  
For more information, call director Jennifer Adams at 409/857-5114 or faculty advisor Paula Williams at 409/857-2440.

**Palmer To Appear On Star Search**  
Mary Ann Palmer, former Miss Prairie View A&M University (1989), on "Star Search" on Channel 20 in the Houston area on Saturday, April 6 at 10p.m.  
The theatre arts/drama senior was also a talent finalist at Willie Nelson's Nightlife in Houston and has made numerous other appearances, including: Johnny High Country Music Review; Marla's (Gibbs) Memory Lane; Starmania Talent Showcase; Conroe, Texas Hoe Down Country Showcase; the Pepper Mill; the Westin Oaks; the Austin and Waller County Fairs; and many campus performances. Palmer has also performed in Ghana, Togo, and Ivory Coast, Africa.  
In addition to her Miss PVAMU honor, Palmer also won Miss Collegiate African-American (1990-91), 4th Runner-up in the 1989 Miss Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Pageant, and was a contestant in the 1989 Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant.

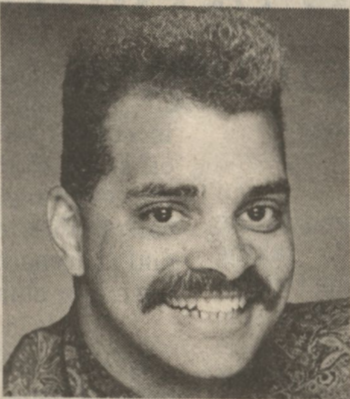
**Campus All-Star Challenge Sectional Play-Offs**  
Campus All-Star Challenge sponsored by American Honda Motor Co., Inc., and modeled after the award winning College Bowl, which aired for over 25 years, is the first academic competition between Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In this, the second year of competition, Campus All-Star Challenge features teams from 64 Historically Black Colleges and Universities in competition for monetary grants to upgrade campus facilities and resources. The program involves over 5000 students, staff, faculty, and administrators of participating institutions.

**Booker Receives Reading Association Award**  
Dr. Clarissa G. Booker, associate professor of reading and advisor to the Prairie View A&M University Reading Council, received on behalf of the council a 10th anniversary award from the International Reading Association (IRA).  
Dr. Eren Johnson, state coordinator for the Texas State Reading Association, presented the award to Booker at the 19th Southwest IRA Reading Conference in Dallas.  
"One of the cornerstones of IRA is the more than 1,200 councils-the vital network of professionals dedicated to improving reading instruction and to promoting literacy worldwide," said IRA representative Joan M. Irwin in a letter to PVAMU Reading Council President Demita Mason.

FYI

PEOPLE

Sinbad, will be at Prairie View A&M University, April 20, 1991, 8:00 p.m., in the University Fieldhouse for the Special Spring Concert. The concert is featuring "Sinbad's - Share The DreamTour". Sinbad would like his name to become known for being a literary legend that symbolizes strength, adventure and optimism and is what he strives for. As the star of the hit TV show "A Different World" and the regular host on "Showtime at the Apollo" Sinbad believes life is not serious and we must learn to laugh at ourselves.



Sinbad, in concert April 20, in the University Field house

On Friday, 22 March 1991, Midshipmen Gary A. Rogeness was selected to the navy nuclear Power in June 1991. The interview was held in Washington D.C. and culminated in the awarding of \$4,000 program entrance stipend. Rogeness is

the 3rd nuclear power selectee ('84, '87, '91) from the NROTC Prairie View View A&M Unit in its 22 Year History. His Hometown is Forest City, Iowa. Minn Rogeness is also the Spring 1991 Midshipman Battalion Commander.

Diana Fallis, former news anchor, professor, editor and co-publisher of the Houston News pages was honored along with 25 other Entrepreneurs of the Year by the Association of the Urban Woman Entrepreneurs. The ceremony was held on March 14, 1991 recognizing her for her contributions in customer services through Houston Newspapers.

Dr. Joe Cherry, head of the Department of Botany and Microbiology at Auburn University, will visit the Prairie View A&M University April 15-16. Sponsored by the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology, Cherry's visit will include a research seminar Monday, April 15 at 3 p.m. in Room 102 of the Harrington Science Building. His research has concerned biochemical regulation of growth and development

1991 SPRING FEST  
"A DEEP VISION OF SOUL"  
APRIL 15 - 30

15 A fashion show - "Deep in the Soul of Texas", featuring black designer of Texas and around.

16 University Student/Faculty Talent Show Contest 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. University Fieldhouse.

17 "Foreign Language Day" opening with Dr. Pedro Oliver, 8:30 a.m., Coleman Library Public Library Public Events Room.

Peer Counselor's Olympic Games - All day  
Memorial Center Field  
International Food Fair at 12:00 noon, New Classroom Rm 101

Century II Book Review - TBA  
6:00 p.m. Memorial Center Ballroom  
Dating Game, New couples - Free Admission

18 Young Romantics presents "The Color Purple: The Book vs the Film" a panel discussion, 4:00 p.m., Coleman Library Public Events Room

"Visions of Stardom"  
Showcase featuring PV's Rising Stars in Concert, 7:00 p.m., University Fieldhouse

Peer Counselor's Olympic Games (continued)

Spring Block Party - MSC Parking Lot area 9:00 - 12:00 midnight

19 CSO Step Show 8:00 p.m.

Peer counselor's Olympic Games Finals (TBA)

Spring Block Party - MSC Parking Lot Area Immediately Following 1:00 a.m.

Special Spring Concert featuring "SINBAD'S - SHARE THE DREAM TOUR" 8:00 p.m., University Fieldhouse, \$5.00 with ID \$10.00 General Admission

General Dance immediately following - 2:00 a.m.

Peer Counselor's Olympic Finals (TBA)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES CALENDER  
from  
April 15-28

- 15-20 SPRING FEST WEEK (TBA)
- 17 Brass Ensemble Concert (HTRH) TBA
- 17 CAB Cinema: "Arachnophobia" (Harrington Science Rm. 122)p.m.
- 20 Pee's Vee's Night Club Alumni Hall, West Wing) 9:00 - 1:00 a.m.
- 21 Chapel Service, AFC 10:45 a.m.
- 21 Annual Military Ball (Houston, Tx.)
- 21 University Chior Concert (HTRH) TBA
- 21 CAB Cinema: "Arachnophobia" (Harr. Sci. Rm.122) 8:00 p.m.
- 21-27 STUDENT LIFE RECOGNITION WEEK
- 23 Kappa Delta Pi Meeting (Alumni Hall, President's Dining Hall) TBA
- 23 Percussion Ensemble Concert (HTRH) TBA
- 24 UNIVERSITY SPIRIT AWARDS PROGRAM (HTRH) 6:30p.m.
- 25 President's Prayer breakfast (Alumni Hall, West Wing) 7:00 p.m.
- 25 University Dance Concert (HTRH) TBA
- 26 6th Annual Mr. PVAMU Pageant (HTRH)7:00p.m.
- 27 Musical Recital - Todd Thomas (HTRH) TBA
- 28 Pee's and Vee's Night Club (Alumni Hall) 9:00 p.m.
- 28 CAB Cinema: "Ghost" (Harr. Si. Rm. 122) 8:00 p.m.
- 28 Chapel Service, AFC 10:45 a.m.

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April 26

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# NEWSWEEK

## NSBE convention in L.A. honors 2 Prairie View students

By Roosevelt Huggins  
Staff Writer

Twenty-six members of the Prairie View Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (N.S.B.E.) attended its 17th Annual National Convention in Los Angeles, California during March 27-31.

As a part of the conference, the attendees were educated through various workshops on leadership qualities, interviewing skills, and graduate schools.

Convention workshops also

entertained social questions of Black Male / Female relationships and if Christianity is for the African-American.

During the five days the members were treated to a wide range of dynamic speakers. One speaker that has to be noted is Imari Akbar who discussed the "DuBoisian conflict" in the opening session of the conference.

The "DuBoisian conflict" is the constant struggle between the African side and the American side that exists in every African-American as theorized by W.E.B. DuBois.

The rest of the conference time was spent with the members touring the local attractions of Beverly Hills, Venice Beach, and Hollywood.

During the conference, two Prairie View members reached significant achievements. Kerri Winston, senior chemical engineering major, was awarded the N.S.B.E. Fellow

for her academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to the growth of N.S.B.E.

Junior electrical engineering major Brandon Taylor was elected Black Entrepreneurial Chairperson for Region

Five which encompasses over thirty chapters at respective universities and colleges.

The theme of the 17th Annual Convention was "Solving a Complex Equation: Destiny Sum of Nguzo Saba." Nguzo Saba is the term used to represent the seven principles of the African Holiday, Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa is a Kiswahili word which means "the fresh fruits of the harvest" and is celebrated from December 26 to January 1 of each year.

The seven principles of Nguzo Saba are Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith).

Therefore according to the conference, our destiny will be determined on how we incorporate these principles into our lives.

In reflecting on the conference, senior mechanical engineer Antony Washington

stated "It was a great experience in being with other Black students that have something in common as you do."

Vice President of P.V. chapter of N.S.B.E., Maurice Ball described the conference as "excellent because of the opportunity to meet students from all around the country." President-Elect Kimberly Gordon felt of the conference "It's hard for me to express how exciting the conference was and how much I got out of it in words."

## Pre-Registration coming soon

By Roland Lemonius  
Staff Writer

Pre-registration for the Summer and Fall semesters begins on Monday, April 15.

Students with foresight will take advantage of this convenient registration feature in order to dodge the possible hassles of regular registration.

Closed classes, changed schedules, administrative and fiscal holds are a few of the factors which can make registration a nightmare. It is worth recalling however, that there was a marked decline in such problems at the beginning of the current semester.

The combined efforts of the various departments directly involved with the registrations can be credited with this achievement.

One might assume that certain measures were taken in an attempt to make the process more efficient. This was indeed the case according to Ms. Velma Toler, supervisor of computer operations at the university's information systems department.

Though often overlooked, this department, located in the Engineering building, is particularly important to the registration process as well as other computer-related functions across the campus.

The information systems department is responsible for installing the software, terminals, and printers and also updating the programs in conjunction with the departments of housing, financial aid, the fiscal office and the office of admissions and records.

According to Ms. Toler, during this past registration an outline was followed whereby reports were made

by these various departments as to the information they would need each day during registration.

The information systems staff would receive these reports between 5 and 6 p.m. and begin working to have the information ready for the various departments by 8 a.m..

Commenting on the success of the registration, hardware specialist Daryl Kemp however explains that there are certain variables that cannot be predicted such as power outages and the computer systems being 'down'.

These problems were absent during this past registration and made the process easier.

In addition, there were fewer persons going through registrations due to the large number of students who pre-registered.

According to Kemp, "A lot of our problems are not entirely computer problems, there are some process problems such as closed classes and time conflicts. It is the resolution of these which becomes a people problem." It is the solution of these problems which is time-consuming and often creates frustration.

Kemp who has been at Prairie View for some 14 years, began working with information systems as a student.

He recalls the days

when registrations were done manually, and makes the observation that students see only one portion of the registration process without considering the entire operation.

He adds, "We get blamed for everything during registration, everybody uses the computer as a scapegoat, when the computer is only a small part of the entire process."

Programmer and Systems Analyst, Bob Sneider adds "anything that is in the computer is purely and simply what someone puts into it."

Sneider's function involves updating the various programs such as currently inputting tuition rate changes for the summer session.

He adds that the university spent a half-million for a new student information system which has been sitting on the shelves for about five years.

Consequently, it is yet to be determined whether this system would significantly improve registrations or serve some other useful function.

At the present time however, we can only hope that this semester's registration began a pattern of continued improvements. The first step to ensure the continuance of this trend is for students to pre-register when possible, and for those who attend regular registrations to understand the variables which are involved in the process.

By Nicole Dyson  
Staff Writer

Prairie View A & M University held its Thirty-Seventh Annual Honors Convocation in the University Field House on March 26. There was a large turnout of the student body as well as parents and friends of the honorees.

Dr. Andrew F. Brimmer, the first black appointed to serve on the Board of Governors for the Federal Reserve System, was the speaker for the occasion.

He spoke about the recent

failure of the Freedom Bank in Harlem. He pointed out that the FDIC was negligent in its haste to minimize its losses and pay off depositors. He said, "Their moves cost the Harlem community hundreds of millions of dollars."

Brimmer talked about the reasons for the establishment of black banks. It offered black businesses and black communities financial institutions that would be of service to them while meeting their needs.

He concluded by saying, "It is necessary to conduct your

affairs very carefully, but you should always do so by showing great concern for the community you are serving."

Midshipman Gary A. Rogeness was recognized for being selected for the Naval Nuclear Power Program. Rogeness was awarded an entrance stipend of \$4,000.00.

President Becton addressed the group and recognized the students being honored for their excellence in academics. In conclusion he stated, "Prairie View is alive and well."

### Beta Kappa Chi and Pi Mu Epsilon honor PV students

By Ivalyn Patterson  
Staff Writer

The Beta Kappa Chi Chapter at Prairie View A&M University held their annual banquet on March 26, 1991 in the west wing of Alumni Hall.

Beta Kappa Chi and Pi Mu Epsilon are a part of our Honor Society Programs.

This event honored all former

honor students as well as new ones and the audience was entertained by jazz music of various types.

The speaker for the evening was President Julius W. Becton. After Becton spoke, the initiates were awarded their certificates for both Beta Kappa Chi and Pi Mu Epsilon.

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**Monday, 15 - Free Blood Pressure check, Mammography Screening for breast cancer this service will cost only \$60.00 which is only half the normal price. Ladies wishing to make an appointment call 857-2511 or FEMCHEC 1-800-888-0978. (Cash, Check, Visa, or MC accepted)**

**Tuesday, 16- Free Blood Pressure Check, Cholestrol Screening \$10, Glucose Test \$5, and Raffle to win a COLOR TV at Alumni Hall.**

**Wednesday, 17- Free Blood Pressure check, Glucose Test \$5, Cholestrol Screening \$10, also there will be films shown throughout the day.**

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# LIFESTYLES

## Deep in the soul of Texas

By Charisse Galloway  
Newsweek Editor

Spring Fest 1991 will begin its activities with a fashion show entitled "Deep in the Soul of Texas" to be held April 15 at 7:00 p.m..

Marion Adele Marshall, the coordinator of the show, is a professional woman's apparel designer and instructor at PVAMU.

Mrs. Marshall has received tremendous exposure at the Dallas Apparel Mart and has sold many of her designer clothes to major department stores and boutiques.

She encourages her students to learn how to plan a fashion show from start to finish and this professional show will serve as a hands-on learning experience for her students.

Some of the designers in the fashion show are: Andre Terry, Austin, Caroline Simpson, Dallas; Eric Fleming; Belinda Johnson, Arlington; Kim Dillard, Houston; Cynthia Padilla, Dallas; Darrell Thomas, Dallas; Donna Joe, Houston; Jonquil, Dallas; and student designers Ann 'Sole Sister' Johnson and Aurelia Branch.

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## Ninth Annual Bodybuilding Extravaganza

By Michelle Johnson  
Lifestyles Editor

The Ninth Annual Bodybuilding Extravaganza was more than mere exploitation of the physical body, it was "Body Art: Sculpturing Muscularity". The Bodybuilding Extravaganza brought forth seven of the best bodies of both female and male contestants.

In the female division were Theresa Ford and Regina Dixon both ladies exemplified fit bodies and good routines. The ladies had to show the judges through compulsory poses and individual routines that this contest was more than just pretty swimsuit, but fit and muscle-tight

bodies. Ford, the returning champion proved that it was more than luck it was hardwork, determination and a fit body that makes her Ms Prairie View of Bodybuilding.

The program provided entertainment for both the female and male members of the audience. First a Martial Arts Demonstration presented by Mesars J. Jenkins and his three students. The Classy Gentlemen provided the audience with dance and cane twirling. The highlight of the contest besides announcing the winners was the guest posers which consisted of an Amazon named Brittany Jackson who had the men foaming and yelling for more as she

displayed her bodybuilding talents to sensuous music. The women were not quite partial to her performance, but as on male remarked to his friend, "On a scale of 1 to 10 she was a 15 ! She is fine!" Well the women had some equally attractive males to model. A bodybuilding student from Houston-Tillotson and his coach who proved that a man over 40 years old, who stays in shape is a beautiful sight.

When the second half began the audience was tired due to all the excitement they had watching the guest posers. As soon as the contestants appeared on the stage the women were aroused once

again by all the shapely guys. They were Jean Coleman, Marcus McDade, Marco Patton, Kevin Rouse and last year's winner Rodney Young. The men catered to the ladies as the posed down. This night everyone was a winner, but one would be Mr Prairie View of the Bodybuilding contest. Coleman was the fourth runner-up, Patton and Young were tied for third runners-up, second runner-up was Rouse and by process of elimination the winner was Marcus McDade of Houston.

The audience were surprised at some of the judging, but the women were happy that someone as well-built as McDade carries the Mr Prairie View Bodybuilding title for 1991-1992.

## Mr. PVAMU Scholarship Pageant

By Nicole Dyson  
Staff Writer

"A Knight in Shining Armour" is the theme of the 1991 Mr Prairie View A & M Scholarship Pageant. The pageant will be held on Friday April 26, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hobart-Taylor Recital Hall.

The coordinator and Chairperson for the event is Roger Taylor. The participants in the pageant are Deosick Burney, Remone Durham, Hoi Ellis, Jerry LaChapelle, Mark Stephens and Todd Thomas.

The pageant will consist of four categories, with the crowning of Mr Pairie View at the culmination of the evenings festivities. The areas of judgement for each contestant will consist of a talent segment, formal wear, swim suit, and a character wear segment in which each contestant will model an ensemble which best expresses their individual personalities.

One contestant said, "This pageant is important because it allows black men to get some positive publicity instead of the negative propaganda that we usually see and since it is a scholarship pageant, it helps black men pursue higher education."

The event will feature live music performed by Marquee. There will also be performances by Tre' Essence and the Classic Dance Ensemble. Mr and Miss Prairie View A & M 1990, Frankie Hallum and Jolie McKeel will also be on hand for the occassion, as well as the 1991 Miss Prairie View, Elizabeth Vaughn.

## Divas of the nineties express themselves in talent showcase

By Karen-Deon Cathey  
Staff Writer

Music and drama filled Hobart Taylor's Recital Hall one evening, as George Smith's production of "Visions of Sisterhood" gave tribute to black women in the music industry.

Mistress of Ceremonies, De'Andrea Hughes, told the audience that in the natural kinship among black women, "There is unity, friendship, mutual respect, and dependability, and black women in music also share a special

sisterhood." It was common knowledge that this special sisterhood was made up of Billie Holiday, with her essence of cool, Ethel Waters, "sexy bumps and grinds" and "The Mother of Blues", Ma Rainey. Before the night was over it was clear that Prairie View had its own divas of the music industry.

Miss PVAMU, Jolie McKeel 1990-1991 was our diva of jazz. She entertained us with her flute solo of Luther Vandross' "Give Me The Reason." Theater major, Camille Sne-

ed, did a dramatic interpretation of an original piece entitled "I Did."

To represent country western music, Miss PVAMU Mary Ann Palmer 1989-1990 sang "Somebody Should Leave"; the group Infinity (Theresa Scott, Tonya Hall, Regina Rogers, and Johar Humbles) sung Lalah Hathaway's "Baby Don't Cry", Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On" and Natalie Cole's "I Can't Stay Away" which were great examples of urban contemporary music and Little Miss South Texas 1990, ten-year-old Joy Deaver sang pop

musics' "One Moment In Time", "The Greatest Love Of All", and as a tribute to the U.S. troops, "From A Distance".

And Greg Stewart, the divas' musical counterpart, sang Johnny Gill's "Giving My All To You" as a salute to ladies, not only in music, but ladies in all professions.

To top the evening, the recently crowned Miss PVAMU, Elizabeth Vaughn sang "I Can Make It" as a dedication to all black females in association with their bind and togetherness in sisterhood.

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## Third annual Peer Counselor Olympics

By Charisse Galloway  
Newsweek Editor

The University Peer Counselors will hold their third annual Peer Counselor Olympics during Spring Fest April 17-20.

The theme for this spring's event, "Wacky Olympics", suggests that this year the olympics will be conducted with a bit of a twist.

The events that will take place over a 4 day period are: the mystery stack, the bat race, javelin, shot put, scavenger hunt, relay race, long jump, volleyball, basketball, tug of war, water-balloon toss and sack race.

Peer Counselor President Kevin Dingle and Vice President Adrienne Henderson suggest that team size will be left to the discretion of the organization's choice, but the team must be co-ed.

There is a ten member per "team event" limit. For example ten members of an organization may participate in the tug of war, while another ten members of the same team can run the relay race.

However, the olympics is not limited to the involvement of organizations only. Students who would like to form their own teams can participate as well.

Awards will be given to individuals and an overall team winner.

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## LIFESTYLES

# Woolfolk's contributions to Prairie View

By Kerri Marshall  
Staff Writer

Some of the knowledge that has helped shape Prairie View into a recognized, historically black university is encompassed in the mind of educator, writer and historian, Dr. George Ruble Woolfolk, (Ret) professor of History and chairman of the Social Science Division.

John B. Coleman Library possesses a number of books Woolfolk wrote including; "Prairie View: A Study in Public Conscience, 1878-1946," The Pageant Press, New York, N.Y., 1962, (Honorable Mention, Pageant Press Best Book Award, 1963.) "Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 'Land Grant Col-

lege,'" and, "The Free Negro in Texas, 1863-1860" (For the Mexican American Historical Review, University of California at Santa Barbara), University Microfilm International, 1976, and "Publications from the First 75 Years, 1876-1951", Texas A&M College Press (1951), in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College.)

Woolfolk's philosophy is based upon christian belief and the christian doctrine, "Thou shall love thy God... and thy neighbor as thy self." Woolfolk has been able to instill this philosophy in his everyday life with dignity and hard work.

Woolfolk is a graduate of Municipal College in the University of Louisville where he received a bachelor of arts degree in history in 1937. Later, he studied at Ohio State University for a master of arts degree in history in 1938. He received his Ph.D. in history at the University of

Wisconsin-Madison in 1947 before he serving Prairie View A&M University as history professor.

Some institutional responsibilities Woolfolk performed while at Prairie View were: Institutional Historian; Communication: Radio-Television (Chair); Institutional Research: Education Conference 1950-1966 (Chair), The State Executive Committee,

the Prairie View Interscholastic League of Texas (Coordinator of Literary Events); Objectives: (Chair), University Textbooks (Chair).

In 1984 Woolfolk was voted by the Regents of the Texas A&M University System, Emeritus (retired from active duty but retaining honorary title) Professor of History and Chairman of The Social Science Division at Prairie View A&M University.

Woolfolk resides in Prairie View and maintains an office in the Owens-Franklin Health Center.

Prof. Woolfolk is presently working on another book entitled, "Industrial Revolution on the Texas Frontier."



Dr. George Ruble Woolfolk

Photo Courtesy of University Release

# Swim suit review: The heat is on

By Michelle Johnson  
Lifestyles Editor

The heat was on in the MSC building as the swimsuit contest sponsored by The Panther Club (all athletic teams) got under way. With standing room only the male and female contestants modeled and danced to a screaming crowd.

Eight women in various bikinis, not only fogged the windows of the ballroom, but they threw the male hormones out of wack as they enticed the men with body movements.

Some of the contestants didn't have a chance because the audience had no mercy. Teresa Ford, Charlette Stewart, Kenya Tiller and won favor with the crowd as they

were named the three finalists. Only the strong and the shapely would survive this Apollo like crowd and Kenya Tiller persevered as she won the swimsuit contest. The first and second runners-up were Charlette Stewart and Teresa Ford.

If one used an adjective to describe the female contestants it would be hot and if one used an adjective or a prepositional phrase to describe the male contestants it would definitely be on fire.

Before the men approached the stage, most of the female audience were hyped and ready to be entertained. The first contestant flirted with the ladies, which proves that a leopard doesn't change his spot. There were two groups

of duet male models who dazzled the ladies out of there seats. These men must have had the 'right stuff' because the women were gasping for air.

Cedric Gilder, Caleb Roberts and Aaron "Snoopy" Salsman flirted their way to the finals, but only one would win. When the drum roll came to an end Aaron "Snoopy" Salsman came out as the winner, Cedric and Caleb received second and third place respectively.

The crowd seemed to be pleased as they filed out of the MSC ballroom. The ladies were still remarking about the men as they waited just to get a closer look at Salsman, Gilder and Roberts. The men were just chillin' with the ladies as the music "Let's Get It On" played in their minds.

The Panther Club put together an entertaining group of contestants for both the male and female audience. First place contestants received 50 dollars, second place 15 dollars and third place received a ticket to a three day beach trip sponsored by the Panther Club with free meals.

This years swimsuit competition marked the 10th year of providing good entertainment for PV. The Panther Club's sponsor is coach Giliard. The Panther Club also has sponsored the 800m relay trophies at the PV relays this year. The Panther Club's objective is to help add funds to the athletic department as well as add to the student life on campus through athletics and fundraisers.

# PV students inspired by Radio Conference in New Orleans

Caroline Jones  
Staff Writer

With the talents of Basis, Marquee the Band, Tre Essence, Infinity, and several other PV musical groups, talent at PV has become a dorm-room word. PV students and faculty attended the Black Radio Exclusive Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans on April 3-7. Those attending were Visions of Stardom Producer, George Smith, and Music Director and Marquee the Band member, Allison Tucker, as well as KPVI staff members Lori Gray, Larry Coleman and Carol Campbell.

The purpose of the conference was to educate aspiring artists and up and coming entrepreneurs on success in the record industry. There were daily seminars on different topics pertaining to the record industry.

"All of the seminars were very interesting and informative, but there was one particular seminar that really caught my attention," said George Smith about the seminar conducted by recording artist, Anita Baker. It was titled "Take Care of Your Own Business." Baker's objective was to give back to the community some of her experiences and knowledge

of the music industry. Panelists for this workshop were Anita Baker, Steven V. Barnes from "In Living Color," singer Vanessa Williams, the musical group, The Boys, singer Pebbles, Jeffrey M. Turner of Turner and Irvine, Inc., member of the singing group, Midnight Starr Jeffrey Cooper and producers and recording artists L.A. Reid and Babyface.

Other topics covered at the seminar were how to choose a good entertainment lawyer, how much commission should a manager make, terms and conditions of management contracts, record

contracts and royalties, and selecting a good, personal manager.

Smith said the knowledge from this trip will enlighten and enhance students who are aspiring artists and producers. Smith plans to add his new insights into the next Visions of Stardom production.

Other recording artists who attended were Oaktown's 3.5.7, B. Angie B., Tevin Campbell, Shaunice Wilson, The Rude Boys, High-5, Color Me Blind, Gerald Levert, Troop, Another Bad Creation, Sweet Obsession, Boys to Men, Tone Loc, and Sheila E.

## CORRECTION!!

In the March 29 issue, The Panther ran an article about the sculpture located in front of the new gym on Prairie View's campus. In the article, it was stated that students built the sculpture. They did not. The drawings from which the sculpture was built was drawn by students. The sculpture was built by JHW General contractors.

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The College of Applied Science and Engineering Technology has done everything possible to get its programs accredited by the national accreditation agencies. Our two Engineering Technology programs, Computer Engineering Technology and Electrical Engineering Technology, were accredited last

year. Although these programs were implemented in 1983 and 1984 respectively, their full implementation didn't occur until their laboratories were available in Fall 1987. These programs were accredited within four years of their full implementation; normally it takes ten to fifteen years for a program to fully develop and get accredited. Just to bring the importance of the preceding statement in a proper perspective, it may be worth mentioning that the technology programs were implemented by the Texas Southern University in 1973. They are still not accredited. The University of Houston-Downtown implemented its Structure Technology and Electrical Technology programs in 1980 and 1983 respectively. They are also not accredited. In view of these, getting accreditation for the above two programs was certainly remarkable and obviously demonstrates a high quality of these programs.  
During the last three years, in addition to these two engineering technology programs, the college of Applied Sciences and Engineering Technology has received national accreditations for many other

programs. All the programs in the Department of Home Economics were fully accredited by the American Home Economics Association, and the Human Nutrition and Food program received a ten year approval from the American Dietetic Association. The Computer Science program will have an accreditation visit from the Computer Sciences Accreditation Board during the 1991-1992 academic year; the current Computer Science curriculum is only four years old. Accreditation from a national accreditation agency is the first and the most important indicator of a quality of a program. The second indicator is the national or state examinations which graduates of some programs can or must pass. Such examinations are given for many fields such as nursing (NCLEX), law (state bar examination), engineering (FE examination, formally called EIT examination), education (NTE or EXCAT) etc.  
The third indicator of quality is the feed back from the former graduates and their employers. They are the final judges of the quality of a program. If they are not satisfied, the quality can't be

excellent no matter what faculty and administration may think. Every university must periodically conduct a satisfaction level survey of its graduates and their employers.  
Although there are many other indicators of quality of a program, the above three are the most important. High quality always demands a high price in terms of planning, dedication, and hardwork. Higher the quality, more of these is required. Without them, quality can never be achieved. Accreditation of a program never comes easy.  
It may be recalled that last year former Lt. Gov. Hobby had questioned the quality of the programs offered by the Texas Southern University. He had even suggested closure of TSU. If most of TSU programs had been accredited by their respective accreditation agencies and most of the graduates passing the national or state examinations, could he have questioned the quality of its programs? Absolutely no way.  
These is no greater disservice a teacher can do to his students than to give them a poor quality education. As Carol Berry, Editor-in-chief,

The Panther observed in the March 29 issue, "Academic excellence is something that stays with the student for the rest of his life... Catering to mediocrity in a university will only hurt the student later in life." A person who cheats someone in money, cheats him only once. A teacher who cheats his students in knowledge, cheats them forever.  
In the last six years, the physical facilities at the Prairie View A&M University have vastly improved. We have one of the most beautiful campuses in the state of Texas. In ultimate analysis, we wouldn't be judged by the landscaping or buildings on this campus. We would be judged on one and only one thing - i.e the quality of our graduates. That is the litmus test. If we fail in this test, nothing else matters. Let us always keep in mind - quality is the key to making this university great.

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Now that Prairie View's financial problems have been wrapped into a neat package by TAMU System's deputy chancellor for finance and administration (see editorial, *Houston Chronicle*, April 5, 1991), it's time other important problems be addressed that will enable this university to move toward the continued academic progress Mr. Davis foresees.  
One very important issue that should be acted upon immediately by our president is the inclusion of research credit hours for faculty workloads so that Prairie View can become an institution of the first class as was recently mandated by the state legislature.  
There are several reasons why this issue should be handled by the president, the primary one being that the president is uniquely responsible for the whole institution.  
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# VIEWPOINTS

## Sexual harrassment of women on PV's campus

**FROM THE EDITOR**  
By Carol Berry  
Editor-in-Chief

I had a talk with President Becton concerning the answers to the "Speak Out" question in the last issue of The Panther. The question was, "Is there anything the administration can do to stop date rape on campus?" The answers were all pretty much the same - increase security. President Becton does not think that increased security on campus will help solve the problem. I tend to agree with him.

Increased security might remove a symptom, but the disease itself remains unaltered. The symptom is violent sexual acts against women. The disease is the general attitude of disrespect for women. In order to decrease the instances of rape, date rape, and sexual harrassment on campus, the level of respect for women has to increase.

The question then changes to what can the administration do to change the attitude toward women. Showing support for women is the only answer. Becton has told the student population again and again that he is on the side of the women in the issue of rape. Well, apparently, talk is

not enough. You can talk and talk until you are blue in the face, but if you never show action to back your words, no one will ever get the message.

There needs to be visible and abundant proof that the administration is in support of the victim, not of the rapist. As it stands, there is a lot of talk in favor of the victim, but until there is proof of that support, neither the rapist nor the victim will believe that the administration - for students, the absolute authority - really cares either way. The rapists will go on raping, and the victims will continue to suffer. Many rape cases go unreported and the victims are still suffering. They never will report the rape unless

they can be shown that they will not be the ones prosecuted. If the administration would put actions to their words, then something might change.

In a conversation I had with the president, he said that he really didn't think there was anything else the administration could do to discourage men from raping women. I spent the last two weeks trying to develop viable ideas that might help. First, I thought of putting together a twenty-four hour rape crisis hotline. While in highschool, I worked on such a hotline. It was well advertised, and women who had not reported being raped often felt comfortable calling the hotline for

support. Eventually, those of us who worked on the hotline were able to convince some of the victims to go to the police.

I also think that the administration could deter possible rapist by actively prosecuting a case themselves. While the president talks about how he will throw any rapist in jail, the students have not heard of any case in which this has actually happened.

I have often heard it said that part of the problem is that the women do not respect themselves. If the administration is not willing to expell rapists from the university, they are giving the impression that the rapist's life is more valuable than a wom-

an's life. How is a woman supposed to respect herself if she is constantly reminded that no one thinks her life is as important as the man who raped her?

It is a sorry state of affairs when people have to fight to turn a university into a place where they can respect them-

selves. Women, I think, want to respect themselves, but that is hard to do when you are living in an enviroment

where you are treated as if your mental well being is unimportant. So long as the administration treats women this way, so will the male students.

## Research credit hours beneficial to faculty

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This particular issue requires his leadership because, ultimately, it is the president who must assert the vision of what Prairie View is to become.

According to our mission statement, Prairie View is now committed to fostering research on campus. Quality research, it states, is a critical thread that weaves together a strong faculty, state-of-the-art facilities and learning opportunities for students, and relevant service to the community beyond the campus.

A second reason is that there appears to be some confusion on the part of other administrators and faculty as to what this new mission means.

One thing it shouldn't mean is that the faculty who were here prior to this new thrust feel threatened. There continues to be a need for quality teachers like those who perfected their knowledge and skills while Prairie View was still a teaching institution.

Their commitment and hard work cannot be overlook-

ed or undervalued. Without them, there probably would be no Prairie View. The fact is, however, that the way these faculty were rewarded for their success was to place them in administrative positions.

Scholars at HBCU's should no longer accept this as a means of just compensation for our achievements. We must be able to advance in our areas of expertise rather than be forced to move into administrative services (or seek outside employment) to be compensated at a level equal to our ability and status. Available time to seek out grants and conduct research allows for this.

At the same time, on the basis of the state's new mandate, a number of faculty were invited here expressly because of their research background or scholastic training. The university cannot continue to bring people to it and then tie up their hands so they cannot achieve what the university led them to believe they were needed to do.

It becomes particularly frustrating when one hears over and over again how so

many black professionals leave their communities never to return. Obviously, if one has agreed to be a part of Prairie View, one must feel deeply some commitment towards serving this community and does not deserve to be regarded with suspicion or mistrust.

Granted, one can be transformed in the process of becoming a scholar or scientist but not everyone views the experience as giving up their identity for something else.

Some see it as adding to, or enhancing who they already are, developing their full potential so they can make a contribution on behalf of black people or challenge injustices.

Certainly, Thurgood Marshall didn't become a member of the Supreme Court saying it isn't 'a black thang' to study law and read contracts, and Dr. Ron Karenga didn't earn two PhD's in support of

the notion of white superiority.

I doubt the only benefit the State of Texas gets from schools like Prairie View and Texas Southern is shoring up the education students should have received in elementary and high school. We also provide leadership in industry and scholarship.

Even so, it cannot be denied that Prairie View is not as equally staffed or equipped or funded as other universities of the first class - such as Texas A&M or the University of Texas.

Prairie View does not have the infrastructure required to support those faculty training in research. Therefore, the need for research credit hours becomes even more critical. Given the time that must be spent coordinating various aspects of a research project, it is ludicrous to expect faculty to conduct research in their spare time if the resources and support services are not there.

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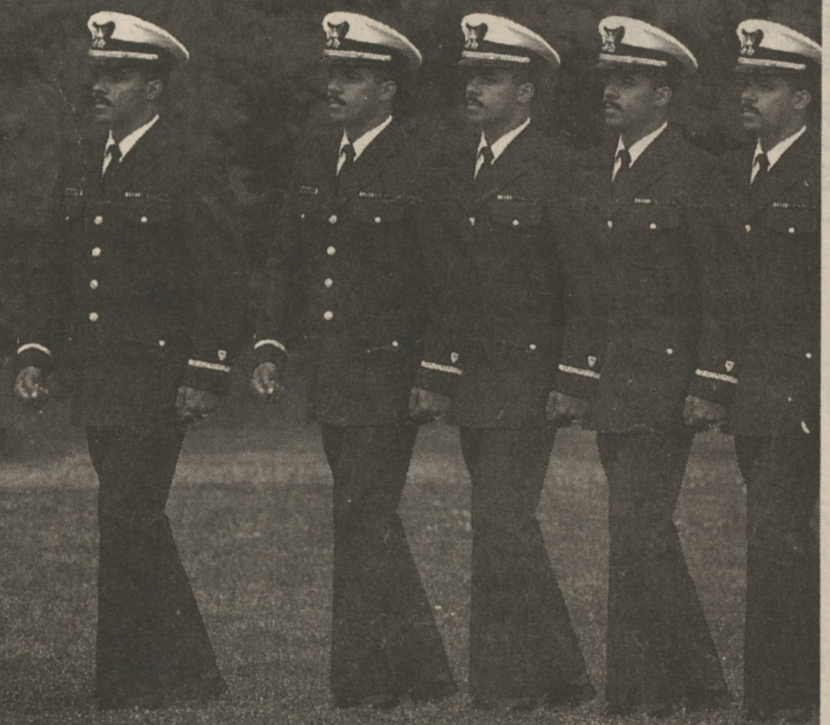
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Football team starts spring training

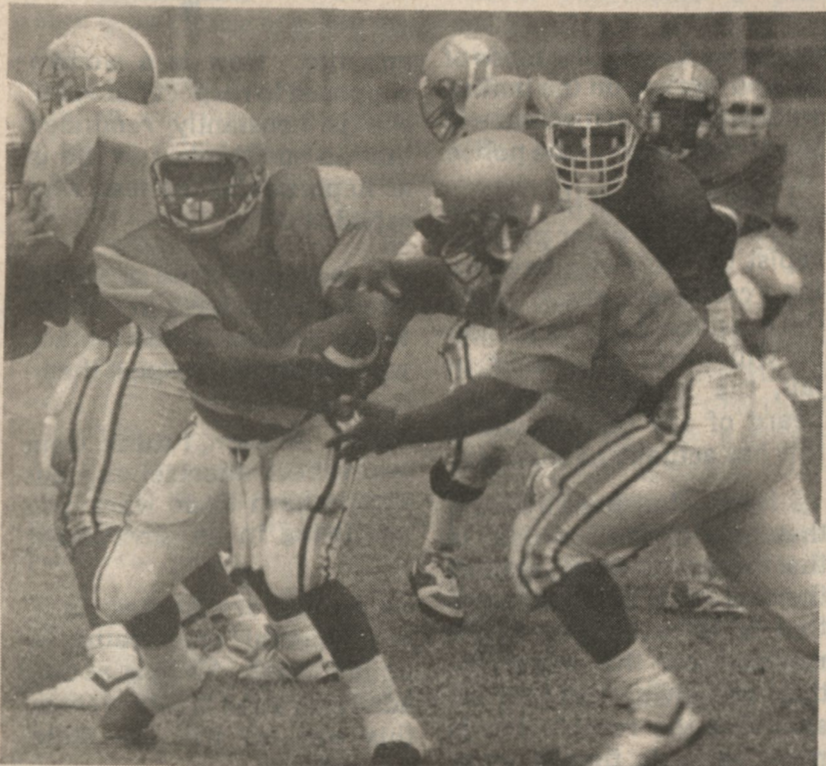


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trying to relay to his athletes. And if facts are proof, then Coach Beard's philosophy must be sinking in.

During the recent practices of spring football, the average attendance has been in excess of seventy people. Out of this seventy, only 17 are returners from the 1989 football season. In fact due to schedule conflicts, eight practices were scheduled at six in the morning and attended by most of the players.

From the player prospective, Thomas Houston stated "We're having very positive practices. We are out there to play and for the love of the game." Freeman Fletcher added "We have good intensity and are ready to hit."

be considered as the infancy stage of the football program. The person responsible for molding the football panthers is Head Coach Ronald Beard.

In a candid interview with Coach Beard, he possessed unlimited enthusiasm and positiveness about the P.V. football program. Beard stated "Attitude is the key. If you believe in yourself, you can accomplish anything." This is the same attitude that he is

Coach Beard attributes the positive attitude in the confidence that the problems of 1989 have been cleared. He alluded to the fact that three new elements of the equation are now in place. The new elements of the equation are that Prairie View has a new president, athletic director, and head football coach.

Easily, this should be one of the most interesting and exciting years of Prairie View Football.

NCAA attempts to clean up college athletics

By Roosevelt Huggins  
Sports Editor

For a long time, the NCAA as well as the "mass media" has concentrated their efforts on "cleaning up" recruiting violations of major athletics instead of questioning the type of education that the athletic players received from those institutions. As the public mood shifts, there is a conscious effort to investigate the ethics and graduation rates of "big - time" athletic programs.

The first step came when the NCAA formed the Knight Commission. This commission was responsible for investigating the causes in the downfall of athletic integrity and to recommend possible solutions. What were their findings you may ask? Its recommendations were for more presidential control to clear athletic abuse and control alumni. Also they recommended long term contracts for coaches.

The next step was a survey conducted by USA Today in which graduation rates of athletes were determined. Statistically, in a five year period from 1984 to 1989, 47.9% of all students who entered college during that time graduated while 56.1% of all

athletes graduated during the same time period.

This statistic, ironically is in favor of the athletic department doing an above average job in graduating their athletes. However, if you investigate football and basketball graduation rates of Division I universities, the scenario changes.

Graduation rates for football athletes during the five year period was 42.5%. Even worse, basketball only graduated 39% of its athletes. One of the worst basketball conferences was the Southeastern Conference at an 14% graduation rate. This conference contains basketball "power-houses" such as L.S.U. and Kentucky.

As far as Prairie View goes statistically, it has a 65% student graduation rate while its athletes graduate at 63.4%. Not bad, since this is competitive with other Division I schools and leads SWAC in graduation rates going away. In fact, Prairie View athletics seems like a giant if you compare it to Texas Southern's 9.4% athletic graduation rate.

Now what do these statistics show in terms of ethics and integrity? Is this not what athletics is supposed to be about? It is no secret that most universities count on

football and basketball to raise funds through tickets sales and alumni donations. These two drive concessions such as the multi-billion dollar industry of fan memorabilia. Also, it is no illusion that most of the key basketball and football athletes are black.

In my opinion, the Knight commission and the graduation survey have uncovered a scenario that the general public does not care about. College sports enthusiasts expect to see the best athletes playing for the biggest schools no matter whether they can read or write. Sights of Dexter Manley stating he attended and passed classes at Oklahoma State without even the capability to read comes to my mind.

But what is even worse, that we are continuing the cycle. Black athletes are being cultivated to enter in predominantly white colleges. For this, larger institutions have winning football teams, better living conditions, research facilities for their majority race students, and increasing financial revenue.

The Black athlete in return has glory for four years but a life of despair for fifty because he did not receive an adequate education from college.

Baseball team improves with each game

By Angela Thomas  
Staff Writer

The PV men's baseball team is improving with each game even though they are still lacking players.

The Panther baseball team is now more confident than they were at the beginning of the season due to their victories against Grambling State University and St. Mary of Plains College, both of which are conference teams.

The Panthers played four games against GSU, winning

two of them 3-2 and 14-12. The team also defeated St. Mary of Plains College 20-14. Unfortunately, PV's rival, Texas Southern University, defeated the Panthers 8-10, 10-12, 16-7 and 9-3.

The Panther's overall record is 7-25 and their conference record is 2-10.

One senior pitcher, Cedric Brumley, said "Since we finally won a game everyone is now more confident."

Six of 11 starters are freshmen. These young players are

becoming more and more experienced which should benefit the team.

There is still a shortage of players due to lack of scholarships. However, athletic scholarships will be available next fall.

Prairie View will resume their schedule with an "home and home" series against T.S.U. on April 12 and 13. Also the Panthers will travel to Ruston, Louisiana on the 18th of April to compete with Louisiana Tech. Univ.

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By Roosevelt Huggins  
Sport Editor

The Prairie View A&M athletic department hosted it's 62nd Annual P.V. relays during the Easter Weekend and for many of the visiting track teams they attended church the next day with a somber attitude. The reason for the attitude is that the P.V. men's and women's track team thoroughly dominated the competition.

Prairie View swept the three divisions of university men, university women, and freshman men by wide margins. In fact, in university men and university women, the Panthers won the relays by 14 points over T.S.U. and Southern respectively in the two divisions. The freshmen track squad tallied an incredible 106 points to just 48 of S.U. Definitely this was a day for team accomplishments, but the relays also offered some outstanding individual performers.

In the male division, consistent "track star" Cecil Shy

was voted Most Outstanding Runner of the relays. In the male field events, John Whitby proved to be the class of the Division as he was voted Most Outstanding Male Field Event.

Not to be outdone, Terri Clayton and Raquel Andrews were named Most Outstanding Female Runner and Most Outstanding Female Field Event respectively. During the relay was the last participation of some of our female "track stars." The notable senior lady panthers that have brought to P.V. numerous track and field championships are Raquel Andrews, Chandra Williams, Rhonda Lampkin, Barbara Smith, Celisa Shy and Terri Clayton.

The future of P.V. track seems promising as Rod Scott and Rob Thomas continued P.V.'s successful weekend by being voted Outstanding Freshman Field Event and Outstanding Freshman Runner respectively.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

As I, a Black Man sat in the audience of the Alpha Kappa Sorority's forum and listened as various platform guests addressed the topic; "The Role of Black Women in the 1990's As We Reach the 21'st Century", I could not help but feel overjoyed that someone of the female gender was echoing my sentiments. When the platform guest, Yolanda Gill recognized the problem that black women need to love themselves, I almost could not contain my concurrence. Evidence of this self hatred and low self-esteem in my eyesight can be seen through profanity, boisterous behavior, color contacts, hair weaves, and the revealing tightfit clothing. One might argue that a lady has the right to wear or act whatever may she likes. Well, we live in America so this is true, but a lady has to ask herself; Am i wearing or acting this way for myself or because of the attention and acceptance I may get from the Black Man? Ladies you have a lot to be proud of as Dr. Jewel Prestage noted by recognizing positive Black traditional women in politics such as Shirley Chisolm, Barbra Jordon, and Yvonne Brattware Burke. there have also been great strides with Black Queens in both the Miss U.S.A. Pageants. Ladies you no longer have to be subservient to anyone. Black Ladies, you are beautiful both in exterior and interior, because God created you in his image. Love yourselves for who you are and what you are and the Black Man will in turn love you for that very same reason. I personally am a sincere concerned Black Man trying to reach out and uplift the Black Ladies who are the mothers of our future generations.

Michael Blackshire

Dear Editor

As of late, there has been much talk among the faculty about needing to be given the space and time to do research. As a student, I would like to say that I think that research time for the faculty is vitally important to the university. The faculty members are professionals and scholars. The only reason we students pay to go to college is so that we can be exposed to these people. In technical fields especially, information changes, and if the faculty are not able to research, they give us outdated information - not to mention that they get bored with their own field if they don't use any of the knowledge that they have. Personally, I would like to work on new research projects with my faculty members. Memorizing old information is okay, but education could be so much fun if the students and faculty could work together delving into unknown possibilities.

Simon Jester

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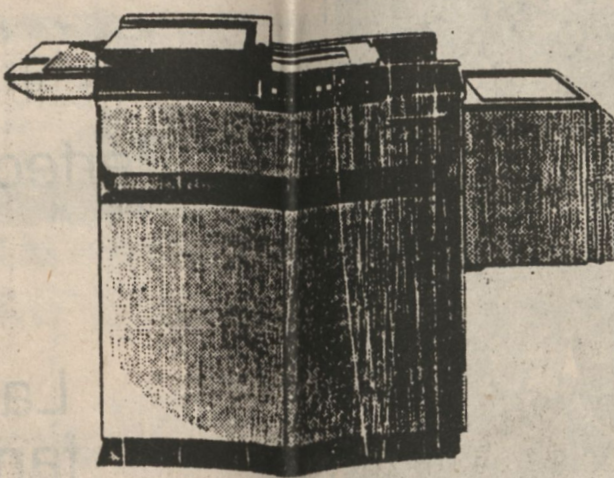
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